

ADEN CONFERENCE SUPPORTS REVOLUTION IN OMAN, ARAB GULF

Conference Resolutions

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The Conference of Committees for Support of the Revolution in Oman and the Arab Gulf has confirmed the political document. This document is considered the guide for solidarity action for the outpouring of all efforts in the service of the revolution and for directing them against the enemies' camp.

The Conference of Support Committees convened in Aden 16-19 April. It issued its political statement at a press conference held last night in the office of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Occupied Arab Gulf [PFLOAG] in Aden.

The conference was held in an atmosphere of high comradely solidarity amid a clear desire to offer effective support to the revolution. It was attended by representatives of the support committees in France, Britain, West Germany, West Berlin, the Soviet Union, Poland, Kuwait, Somalia, and Belgium. Some of the committees sent reports and messages of solidarity with the conference.

The conferees ratified the action program, which establishes the broad lines of support and assistance areas by the support committees and the other supporters of the cause of the people's struggle in Oman and the Arab Gulf under the command of the Popular Front.

The conference happened to be held at a time when the forces of the army of popular liberation and the people's militia were achieving gigantic victories and at a time when the popular masses in the liberated areas were standing with heroic steadfastness against the heinous, daily war of extermination that Britain has been waging against the people since 1965.

The conference noted the heightened reactionary imperialist dogfight against the revolution and, especially, the increased American penetration in the area and the increased Iranian-Jordanian-Saudi military intervention.

The revolutionary conditions have developed in the Oman and Arab Gulf arena and the mass movement has extended to new areas. The popular masses in the other areas have shown a strong nationalist spirit toward the operation of selling our homeland to the foreign invaders and in the face of the campaigns of oppression and repression. The puppet authorities in the other areas could do nothing in the face of this strong nationalist extension but launch successive arrest campaigns and throw hundreds into the terrible prisons, mainly the bastille of Oman, Kut al-Jalali. Jordanian intelligence agents supervise the organization of operations for making arrests, blowing up citizens' houses, and conducting terrible inhumane acts of torture and acts of immoral psychological torture against the detainees and their families. In carrying out all this, they are making use of the Israeli enemy's know-how.

The conference noted that the American and British imperialists are arming the two reactionaries, Iran and Saudi Arabia -- Iran, of all states -- to counter the growing revolutionary conditions and also to achieve regional expansion at the expense of the people of the area. The conference notes that the imperialists and reactionaries are getting ready to throw the Arab and Iranian masses into a national struggle contrary to their common interests, which are opposed to reactionism and imperialism.

The PFLOAG has been able to achieve good successes in connection with unifying the nationalist forces and directing their efforts against the national enemy. The Ihlsh unification conference, the founding of the PFLOAG, and the November 1972 meeting between the Popular Front and the Arab Action Party in Oman have been revolutionary steps in connection with unifying the nationalist forces, heightening the revolution's steadfastness, and achieving its victories. It has been able to obtain growing support and understanding from the forces of progress, liberation, and socialism in the Arab region and in the world.

The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen [PDRY], under the command of the political organization, the National Front, has forged a new path in the Arab region, achieving striking victories on the way to the democratic national revolution, courageously standing up to support the armed revolution in the Oman and Arab Gulf arena, and constituting its steadfast background. In the Arab arena, the Palestinian revolution has continued its courageous march, that of armed revolution, confronting hardships and dangers and confronting vicious Israeli attacks. Yet the Palestinian masses, with their armed revolution, represent the continued march with persistence and heroic steadfastness.

"Your presence in the PDRY and the convening of your conference here is seen primarily as vital solidarity with our revolution and its progressive measures. Intensifying the struggle with the imperialists in this area makes it incumbent upon all progressives and democrats in the world to understand the facts of it and to always keep them in mind so that, from the positions of responsibility, they can defend this area and fight imperialism in its own house. Likewise, international solidarity requires that the revolutionary forces be supported and backed for the sake of deciding the struggle in favor of the revolutionary forces in the world."

(Ali Salim La'ur, Department of Foreign Relations.)

'A'idah Yafi'i, Central Committee member and chairwoman of the Yemeni Women's Union, gave a speech in which she discussed the role of women in the armed struggle. She explained the role of the Yemeni women in their revolutionary experiment, and she praised the orle of the women strugglers in the PFLOAG.

At the world level, the Vietnamese triumph and the submission of American imperialism stand out as an example to the struggling peoples of their ability to triumph over the most arrogant and vicious imperialist.

Proceeding from all this, the conference adopted the following resolutions:

1. The conference supports the armed mass struggle in the Oman and Arab Gulf arena under the command of the PFLOAG and salutes the military and mass steadfastness of the forces of the army of popular liberation and the people's militia and of the steadfast citizens in the liberated areas, and they salute the political, economic, and social achievements in the liberated areas.
2. The conference salutes the political detainees and their heroic steadfastness in the face of all the inhumane methods, and it calls on all peace-loving forces to stage a world-wide campaign for the release of the detainees. It denounces all the acts of detention and repression being pursued by the reactionary authorities there.
3. The conference supports the revolution's insistence on guaranteeing the democratic rights of the national minorities in the Oman and Arab Gulf arena. The conference calls for the achievement of cooperation and solidarity with the revolutionary forces in Iran and for the launching of the joint struggle between the Iranian and Arab masses against the reactionary imperialist enemy.
4. The conference salutes the victories of the PDRY under the command of the political organization, the National Front, and its offer of support to the armed revolution in Oman and the Arab Gulf. It condemns the reactionary and imperialist conspiracies aimed at overthrowing the democratic national regime in the PDRY.
5. The conference calls upon the other forces of progress, liberation, and socialism to offer effective and continued support to the armed revolution in Oman and the Arab Gulf under the command of the PFLOAG.
6. The conference condemns the British colonialist presence and the war it is waging against the national armed revolution bursting forth from Dhofar, and its complete hegemony over the people's power. It demands the liquidation of the British military presence, as represented by the military bases and centers spread throughout the arena (Salalah, Masirah, al-Shariqah, etc.).
7. The conference condemns the increasing American intervention in the area and calls for the liquidation of the direct (military bases) and indirect American presence.
8. The conference denounces the Jordanian-Iranian-Saudi military intervention against the armed revolution and calls upon all forces that love liberation, progress, and peace to expose and lay bare this reactionary intervention.

9. The conference salutes the struggle of the brave Palestinian people and declares its absolute support of the only legitimate armed Palestinian revolution representative of the Palestinian people. It calls on the Arab nations to open all fronts and grant complete freedoms for the courageous Palestinian people to exercise its legitimate right to launch the armed struggle against its national enemy and the Arab nation's enemy. The conference condemns the Zionist terrorism against the Palestinian people.

10. The conference condemns the campaigns of repression and terror being waged by the reactionary regime in Morocco, and it salutes the steadfastness of the national forces and the beginnings of the armed movement here.

11. The conference salutes the brave Vietnamese people and declares that it is absolutely on the side of the Vietnamese National Liberation Front and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and their position on implementation of the Paris Agreement, leaving American evasion aside. It declares its denunciation of America's repeated attempts to impede implementation of the Paris Agreement and its support of the puppet Thieu regime.

12. The conference salutes the socialist states and their support of the armed revolution in Oman and the Arab Gulf.

13. The conference salutes the escalating struggles of the working class and the popular masses in the capitalist countries, these struggles being an indivisible part of the struggle opposed to imperialism and colonialism and aimed at the common enemy.

Imperialists, stop plundering the petroleum wealth!

Freedom for the political detainees!

May the war of extermination against the people in the Dhofar region come to a halt! Let us struggle against the agents of imperialism in the area! May the mercenary forces withdraw from the Gulf! British and Americans, get out of the Gulf! Down with the reactionary regimes in Oman and the Arab Gulf! Let us oppose imperialism, Zionism, and reactionism! Down with the Shah, Husayn, Faysal, and the agents of imperialism! Let us stick together in solidarity with the Arab liberation movement!

Long live the PDRY under the command of the political organization, the National Front!

Long live the struggling solidarity between the revolutions of

Victory to the PFLOAG!